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## **FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS**

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

### **TWO MARATHON COUNTY MEN FACE METH CHARGES**

Jose D. Chavez, DOB 8/14/76, and Agustin Panaigua-Verdugo, DOB 11/25/78, both of Milan, Wisconsin, are charged with distribution of methamphetamine. The indictment alleges that the defendants distributed methamphetamine from April through November 14, 2006.

If convicted, each faces a mandatory minimum penalty of five years and a maximum penalty of 40 years in federal prison. The charges against Chavez and Panaigua-Verdugo are the result of an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau, Drug Enforcement Administration, Marathon County Sheriff's Department, Wausau Police Department, and Wisconsin State Patrol. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

### **STOUGHTON MAN FACES DRUG AND GUN CHARGES**

Adrian Perez Hernandez, age 30, of Stoughton, Wisconsin, is charged in a six-count indictment with distribution of cocaine and being a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that he distributed cocaine on five occasions from October 5 through November 15, 2006. The indictment also alleges that on November 8, 2006, the defendant possessed a Smith and Wesson .380 caliber pistol.

If convicted, Hernandez faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each of the cocaine charges, and 10 years on the felon in possession charge. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-

Narcotics Bureau. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

### **THREE BELOIT RESIDENTS FACE CRACK COCAINE CHARGES**

In unrelated cases, three Beloit residents were charged in separate indictments with distribution of crack cocaine. Jeremy M. Howard, DOB 5/25/86, is charged with distributing five grams or more of crack cocaine and with possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine, both on August 30, 2006.

James V. Frazier, DOB 6/29/78, is charged with distributing five grams or more of crack cocaine on August 10 and August 22, 2006, and with possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on September 9, 2006.

Nicole L. Howe, DOB 10/16/82, is charged with distributing five grams or more of crack cocaine on August 1 and August 22, 2006, and with possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on August 30, 2006.

If convicted, each of these individuals face a mandatory minimum penalty of five years and a maximum penalty of 40 years in federal prison. The charges against these three people are the result of investigations by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the State Line Area Narcotics Team, and the Beloit Police Department. The prosecution of these cases has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

### **ONEIDA COUNTY MAN FACES CRACK COCAINE CHARGES**

Nathan J. Clanton, DOB 1/21/75, of Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin, is charged with two counts of distributing five grams or more of crack cocaine. The indictment alleges that these distributions occurred on October 16 and October 20, 2006.

If convicted, Clanton faces a mandatory minimum penalty of five years and a maximum penalty of 40 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Oneida County Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

### **THREE MADISON MEN INDICTED ON COCAINE CHARGE**

Jose Olivas-Lopez, 54, Israel Aguilera, 29, and Francisco Cazares-Olivas, aka "Pancho," 52, all of Madison, Wisconsin, were charged in a one-count indictment with conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute and to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine. These three men had been charged previously with this offense in a complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Madison on November 21, 2006. They are scheduled to be

arraigned on December 1, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

If convicted, each man faces a mandatory minimum of 10 years and a maximum of life in prison. The indictment is the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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